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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INQUIRY RE GATT SECRETARIAT STUDY ON
RULES OF ORIGIN

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1. SINCE THE US INQUIRY IN REF B CONCERNS AN EC/EFTA
PROPOSAL, WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE FULL DETAILS ON EC/EFTA
PLANS. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME SURVEY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE
A DEEP ANALYSIS OR, IF IT IS TO BE USEFUL, SIMPLY A
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MERE TABULATION OF DATA. IN OUR VIEW SECRETARIAT COULD

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE NOTED IN BISD, SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT,
P. 24 BY SUBMITTING QUESTIONNAIRE ON RO SYSTEMS TO ALL
CPS. QUESTIONS WOULD EVOKE A FULL DESCRIPTION OF CPS
RULES OF ORIGIN AND WOULD BE DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO
PERMIT THE SECRETARIAT TO DIFFERENTIATE AND CATEGORIZE THE
RULES OF ORIGIN BY PURPOSE. THE US, AND PERHAPS OTHERS,
WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO SUBMIT LISTS OF PROPOSED QUESTIONS
FOR SECRETARIAT USE IN QUESTIONNAIRE, AND THE MISSIONS IN
GENEVA COULD WORK WITH THE SECRETARIAT ON METHODOLOGY
OF THE SURVEY.

2. IF THE EC/EFTA PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, PARTIES TO THE
ARTICLE XXII.1 CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE
FULLY IN RESPONDING TO THE SECRETARIAT QUESTIONNAIRE. A
SIMPLE GATT COUNCIL ACTION AGREEING THAT THE SECRETARIAT
SURVEY WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE ARTICLE
XXII.1 CONSULTATIONS, WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO
ENSURE THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF THE OTHER CPS. THE
SURVEY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT INTENDED TO ANALYZE
TRADE DEFLECTION. INGERSOLL

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